

# Illinois Library Association Advocacy Committee

Monday, May 3, at 1:00pm

Virtual Meeting

## MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM.

**Present:** Alex Todd, Magan Szwerek, Betsy Adamowski, Nanette Donohue, Matthew Fruth, Gail Graziani, Qiana Johnson, Amanda McKay, Amanda Zagloba, Diane Foote (ex-officio), Veronica DeFazio (ex-officio), Marielle McNeal (ex-officio), Jeanne Hamilton (ex-officio)

**Guests:** Cyndi Robinson, Derek Blaida

The agenda and the minutes of the April 5 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

### Reports

ILA Executive Director (Diane Foote)

- The ILA election has closed and that the candidates who stood for election are being notified this week. An announcement will follow.
- Awards nominations are open until May 15th. There has been one nomination for the McClarren Legislative Development Award.
- Reaching Forward is this Friday, May 7th.

ILA Legislative Consultant (Derek Blaida)

Derek reported on upcoming bills for the last four weeks of the legislative session.

ILA Public Policy Chair (Daniel Matthews)

Diane reported on behalf of PPC. The committee is looking toward the next legislative cycle with regard to legislative proposals and actions, and is hoping for a return to a more normal environment.

### **"Ready, Set, Advocate!" ILA Advocacy toolkit and training program** (Betsy Adamowski)

Betsy reported that she and Keith have developed a tentative timeline for the training program, which will consist of three 45-minute modules. The toolkit on the ILA web site will be updated, and it will align with the three training modules. Betsy and Keith are planning to share a draft of the finished toolkit prior to the June 7th Advocacy Committee meeting so the committee can discuss the draft.

### **ILA Conference Submittals update** – (Magan Szwerek, Alex Todd)

Three programs were accepted for the 2021 ILA Annual conference:

- Legislative Roundtable program

- Making the Case for Our Stakeholders (Qiana & Magan)
- Ready, Set, Advocate launch (Betsy & Keith)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 PM.